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selectively servicing, at the storage system, the request responsive to configuration data indicating that the one of the at least two devices is authorized to access the portion of data.

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3. The data management method according to claim 1, the method including a step of:
forwarding the request from the one of the at least two devices to the storage system over the network.

B3. Sub D2
15. A computer readable medium comprising:
a first data structure to manage accesses by a plurality of devices to volumes of data at a storage system over a communication network, the first data structure comprising a plurality of records corresponding to the plurality of devices, each of the plurality of records corresponding to one of the plurality of devices and including configuration information identifying which of the volumes of the storage system the one of the plurality of devices is authorized to access.

B4. Sub D3
17. The combination according to claim 16, in further combination with the plurality of devices and the communication network, wherein the storage system and the plurality of devices are coupled to communicate over the communication network.

B5. Sub D3
21. A storage system comprising:
at least one storage device apportioned into a plurality of volumes;
a configuration table to store configuration data identifying which of a plurality of devices coupled to the storage system via a network are authorized to access each of the plurality of volumes; and

a filter, responsive to the configuration data, to selectively forward to the at least one storage device requests for access to the plurality of volumes received from the plurality of devices over the network.

B6. Sub D4
26. The storage system according to claim 21, in combination with the plurality of devices and wherein the network couples the storage system to the plurality of devices.